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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kimio NAGASAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2874

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Examiner: J. Doan

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Docket No.: 116034

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL TRANSCEIVER AND ADJUSTMENT
DEVICE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 2, 2004 Election of Species Requirement,
Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Figures 1-20, with traverse.
At least claims 1-5 and 14-20 read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species
is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of
any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the
remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search
and examination of the entire application could be made without serious
burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden,
the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes
claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is
respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present
application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants
and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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